

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jerome R. Drouillard (Reg. No. 28,008) on 5/30/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 1 line 9 after "event," --wherein said controller determines said output rate based on the weight of said occupant,-- has been inserted.

In claim 1 line 11, "seatbelt-tension" has been changed to --seatbelt load--.

In claim 1 line 16, "tension" has been deleted.

In claim 1 line 17, "tension" has been deleted.

In claim 1 line 18, "seatbelt-tension" has been changed to --seatbelt load--.

Claim 3 has been canceled.

In claim 6 line 3, "seatbelt-tension" has been changed to --seatbelt load--.

In claim 7 line 1, "improved airbag" has been changed to --safety restraint--.

In claim 7 line 3, "seatbelt-tension" has been changed to --seatbelt load--.

In claim 8 line 1, "improved airbag" has been changed to --safety restraint--.

In claim 8 line 3, "seatbelt-tension" has been changed to --seatbelt load--.

Claim 9 has been canceled.

Claims 16-19 have been canceled.

In the Specification:

In paragraph [0026] line 1, "inflator device 18" has been changed to --inflator device 16--.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSELYNN Y. SLITERIS whose telephone number is (571)272-6675. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley D. Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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